

May 27, 2019

Honorable Mayor Lori Lightfoot
City of Chicago
121 N. LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Superintendent Eddie Johnson
Chicago Police Department
3501 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60653

Re: Police crash resulting in the death of Verona Gunn and injuries to Vicki Steverson, Maris Oliver and a minor child

Dear Honorable Mayor Lightfoot and Superintendent Johnson,

First of all, thank you for calling yesterday, expressing your condolences and assuring me that there will be a full and swift investigation into the death of my mother, injuries to my sister and others as a result of the actions of police officers who were driving at high speeds in the Austin neighborhood on May 25th.

As you know, on that Saturday, at approximately 10pm, my 84 year-old mother Mrs. Verona Gunn, my sister Vicki Steverson, our family friend Maris Oliver and his 9 year old granddaughter were waiting at the traffic light located at Laramie and Division. At that time and while they waited, approximately 10-12 police vehicles raced through the intersection at high speeds. Suddenly two of the police vehicles, an unmarked police SUV and marked police van crashed into each other at the intersection. The unimaginable happened next. The police vehicles crashed into the car with my family. My mother Verona, the matriarch of our family and school teacher of 30 years, was severely injured. My sister Vicki, family friend Maris Oliver and his 9 year-old granddaughter were also injured in the crash. Vicki and the 9 year-old were transported to Norwegian Hospital while Maris and my mother were sent to Community First Medical Center. My mother was later transported to

Illinois Masonic where she died from internal injuries at approximately 2:30 am.

I am reaching out to you, as the newly installed Mayor of Chicago and the Superintendent of the Chicago Police, to ask for your help, as my family and I try to come to terms with our mother's death. It is our understanding that the Chicago Police Department have the videos, OEMC tapes and other evidence of the moments before, during and after the crash. We would like to meet with you, see the videos and find out more about how this could have happened. We also want to make sure that from this day forward, the proper training, communications and protocols are in place to so that no family has to endure what my family and I are now suffering through.

You may reach me through my representative, civil rights attorney Andrew M. Stroth, Action Injury Law Group, 191 North Wacker Drive, Suite 2300, Chicago, IL 60606. His telephone number is (844) 878-4529 and email is astroth@actioninjurylawgroup.com.

Sincerely,

Bishop Dwight Gunn, son of Verona Gunn

cc: Ms. Sydney Roberts
Chief - Civilian Office of Police Accountability